



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 30, 2008

Brian Gustafson, Administrator
Air Quality Program
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building
Pierre, SD 57501

RECEIVED

OCT 02 2008

AIR QUALITY
PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

I am Nate Franzen, president, Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, an organization with its business in South Dakota. Please accept this letter as our organization's formal comment requesting SD DENR approve the Hyperion Energy Center air permit. The Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce strongly believes that this project is a great opportunity for the State of South Dakota and our nation. On Wednesday, April 16, 2008, the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce took formal action to support the Hyperion Energy Center project. Please find the resolution attached to the letter of support.

Hyperion is committed to building the most advanced and environmentally sound refinery in the United States. It is disturbing that a new refinery has not been built in this country in over thirty years. The Hyperion Energy Center will be built from the ground up using new and proven emission control technologies. We are also comforted in knowing that Hyperion will conduct ongoing monitoring during operations to ensure compliance with the permit requirements.

The economic benefit the state, region and nation will see from this project is tremendous. Thousands of new jobs, new tax revenue and tremendous growth as a result of this project will benefit all South Dakotans not to mention allowing South Dakota to take a leadership role in helping America to increase its energy security.

Thank you for your time and diligent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nate Franzen, President
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce

CC: Board of Minerals and Environment
Enclosure: Hyperion Resolution



RECEIVED

OCT 02 2008

AIR QUALITY
PROGRAM

**YANKTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

Based on the representations made by the Hyperion Energy Center outlined in their prior press releases and set forth in the Resolutions of multiple other municipal or economic development corporation resolutions, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Yankton Chamber of Commerce supports the goals and objectives pledged by the Hyperion Energy Center and looks forward to working with it, all appropriate federal, state and local officials and area residents to facilitate these objectives.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2008, at Yankton, South Dakota.

Nathan E. Franzen, President
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce

Dr. James T. Barry, Chairman
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce
Hyperion Task Force

ATTEST:

Robert Cappel, Secretary
Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce